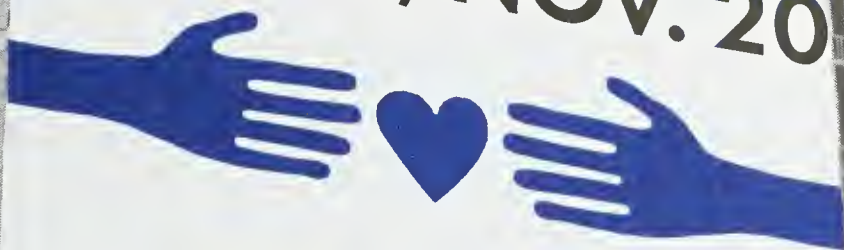




Park Avenue Synagogue ק"ק אגודת ישראל Bulletin

חשוון-כסלו NOVEMBER 2011

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MITZVAH DAY 2011
SUNDAY, NOV. 20



The Staying Power of Mitzvot



EARLIER THIS FALL, I paid a shiva call to a community member whose father had passed away in his nineties. That evening, I met the grandchildren of the deceased, now grown up and living on their own around Manhattan. It was clear that while they appreciated the opportunity to share

memories of their grandfather, they really wanted to talk about one and only one thing – the Park Avenue Synagogue Food Pantry. I learned that when these grandchildren were in high school, they had successively chaired the Food Pantry. They recalled with great fondness the Friday afternoons serving hundreds of needy clients, the friendships made among the teen volunteers and the seeds of social justice planted in them during those years. They were delighted to hear that their work of decades ago is still going strong, the index cards now replaced by computers. It was not lost on me that the strength of their connection to Park Avenue Synagogue and their Jewish identity was not a charismatic rabbi, an inspiring teacher or a memorable Bar Mitzvah experience. It was the week in and week out of “doing good” for humanity in the context of a Jewish institution that became an integral building block of their Jewish identity.

There is no shortage of reasons why we should perform acts of kindness and justice as Jews. We are entrusted to live our lives as partners in God’s creation, ever striving to make our “good” world even better. As much as our synagogue is a house of prayer and Torah, I pray that it is also filled with acts of kindness – within our community, throughout the Jewish world and across

a wide area of civic concern. For so many of us, the challenge to be a “light unto nations” is best expressed through performance of mitzvot that benefit people in need.

The month of November is when our congregation recommits itself to mitzvot of caring. All year, but especially this month of November, we will raise the level of conversation and, please God, the number of deeds performed to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the sick, honor the elderly, and in every way care for the needy.

On Sunday, November 20, we will gather as a community for our annual Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day. (See page 13 or visit www.pasyn.org/TikkunOlam for details about the day and about how to volunteer. None of this would be possible without the hard work of the Mitzvah Day Committee, chaired by Leith Greenslade and Joanna Silver, and the Tikkun Olam Committee, chaired by Marlene Muskin and Lite Sabin.

This month and every month the work of the Food Pantry goes on. Under the guidance of Danielle Stadler and Jonathan Aisenberg our teens continue to connect to each other, to a life of mitzvot and to a broader humanity in what is known to all as the crown jewel of our youth program. The Thanksgiving distribution is inspiring to see. Please contact Jason Oppenheimer at joppenheimer@pasyn.org to learn how you, your children or grandchildren can get involved in the Food Pantry and any number of other amazing youth activities.

Why do mitzvot? There are so many reasons. Here at Park Avenue Synagogue there are so many opportunities to do so. Do not let November go by without having connected to your obligation to do good by way of your Jewish community.

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Hesed or Hiyuv: Good Deed or Obligation?



WHEN WE HEAR THE WORD "DONATION" our minds immediately jump to Kol Nidre appeals and letters from UJA-Federation. While these causes are important, I want to highlight a different kind of donation – organ donation. In this brief discussion, I will address only post-

mortem organ donations and blood donations. While we don't usually think of giving blood as an organ donation, blood is in fact the most important organ we have!

The inestimable value of human life is a cardinal principle of Jewish Law. As Rabbi David Bleich writes: "Human life is not a good to be preserved as a condition of other values but an absolute, basic, and precious good in its own right. The obligation to preserve life is commensurately all-encompassing." (*Contemporary Halakhic Problems*, 93) This obligation is not only about self-preservation, but also, as the Torah teaches us (see Lev. 19:16), about saving the life of fellow human beings. In codifying this mitzvah, Maimonides emphasizes that "anyone who is able to save a life, but fails to do so, violates Jewish law." (*Hilkhos Rotzeah* 1:14)

Given the increasing sophistication and success of transplant technology, the post-mortem donation of vital organs and tissue incontrovertibly constitutes *pikuah nefesh* (saving a life), which overrides all other considerations. The demand for organs far outweighs the supply, creating thousands of desperate, specific,

life-threatening situations. We must conclude that registering to donate an organ is not merely an act of *hesed* a good deed, but a *hiyuv*, an obligation.

From the perspective of Jewish law donating blood is not as clear cut as other organ donations. Since the blood donation occurs while we are alive, understanding this act as an obligation would require an individual to donate blood whenever there is a need, even against his/her will. No authority, religious or civil, has gone so far as to suggest this. As much as we encourage and laud those who willingly undertake to donate blood, we cannot make it a halakhic obligation. That said, we do have an obligation to live our lives *lifnim meshurat hadin*, beyond the strict requirements of the law. Rabbi Shaul Yisraeli, a senior member of the Chief Rabbinate Council in Israel, insists that the donation of blood is a "moral obligation and is more than a mere praiseworthy action...one should be encouraged to volunteer." (*The Proceedings of the First International Colloquium on Medicine, Ethics & Jewish Law*, 231)

We can all make a difference! Our obligation to donate an organ can be fulfilled by personally registering as a donor, either at PAS on Mitzvah Day, or on your driver's license. We will also have an opportunity to fulfill our moral duty to donate blood. "You shall not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor." (Lev. 19:16) Let us give the gift of life!

Read more about organ donation and Mitzvah Day on p. 13

Annual Book Fair and Hanukkah Boutique

Tuesday | November 1 | 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Wednesday | November 2 | 9:30 am – 7:00 pm

Thursday | November 3 | 9:30 am – 6:30 pm

Always a highlight of our year! The Congregational School Parents' Association presents hundreds of books for readers of all ages, from recent bestsellers to classics of Jewish literature to children's books. You can also find holiday gifts for everyone in your family! Toys, clothing, accessories, stationery and personalized gifts are all available from our wide variety of vendors.

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Event

Book Fair 5772



Israel in the American Jewish Imagination

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, The Park Avenue Synagogue Lecture Series seeks to engage top scholars and notable intellectuals to address the major challenges facing American Jewry and to generate transformative thinking towards the continued revitalization of the Jewish community.

The series will examine the substance and significance of the relationship between American Jewry and the modern State of Israel. How can we create two vibrant and mutually interdependent centers of world Jewry while recognizing the particular challenges and opportunities each faces?

For North American Jewry, Israel represents opportunities for both solidarity and alienation as a new generation engages with Israel very differently than their parents' generation. Can North American Jewry be political and philanthropic stakeholders in Israel's well-being and simultaneously voice criticism towards the country it defends so vigorously? To what degree does the Israeli Jewish community feel a shared destiny with world Jewry? How shall non-Orthodox Diaspora Jewry hold close a Jewish state that does not embrace or even recognize the Jewishness of its most ardent supporters?

This lecture series will open dialogue on these questions and many more. We shall explore the emerging narratives of Israeli and American Jewry and examine the points of contact and disconnect between the two. Representatives from across the political spectrum will share different recommendations on how to move forward, with an eye towards helping our community express its own voice in this critical conversation.

To register, go to www.pasyn.org/Adult Education and click on Events in the list on the left side of the page. Those without internet access call 212-369-2600, x121. Cost: Members/\$180; General/\$270.



Leon Wieseltier

Tuesday | November 8 | 7:00 pm

Born in 1952 in Brooklyn, NY, Wieseltier was educated at the Yeshivah of Flatbush, Columbia University, Balliol College at Oxford and Harvard University, where he was a member of the Society of Fellows. Since 1983, he has been the literary editor of *The New Republic*. Wieseltier is the author of *Kaddish; Against Identity*; and *Nuclear War, Nuclear Peace: The Sensible Argument about the Greatest Peril of Our Age*, as well as essays on political, cultural and Jewish themes published in many places.

11/15



Co-sponsored by WEG, Sisterhood, Young Couples, Singles, the Congregational School Parents' Association and the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

"Not an Easy Target": Personal Safety Seminar

Tuesday | November 15 | 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Paxton Quigley, a nationally recognized authority on women's personal safety, developed this seminar focusing on street safety in New York, an issue that affects all women and all the men who care for them. Organizations that have relied on Ms. Quigley's expertise in the past include HSBC Bank, Cedars Sinai Hospital, and Sarah Lawrence College. A light supper will be served promptly at 7:00 pm; the program will begin at 7:30 pm. Open to all women from high school up. Space is limited.

RSVP by Wednesday, November 9. To register visit www.pasyn.org/WEG and click on the event. Those without internet may call Laura Leon at 646-398-8975.

חשון-כסלו

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 7 Heshvan

6:15 pm | Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat is a fast-paced, participatory Friday evening service enhanced with musical instruments and singing. Supported by the John and Jennifer Monsky Musical Traditions Fund.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 8 Heshvan

Parashat Lekh L'kha

9:15 am | Sanctuary Shabbat service

Bar Mitzvah of Jason Nathaniel Bab, son of Andrew Bab and Cheryl Milone

11:15 am | YFE Shabbat services (see p. 16)

5:45 pm | Minha/Ma'ariv

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 14 Heshvan

6:15 pm | Friday Evening Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 15 Heshvan

Parashat Va-yera

9:15 am | Sanctuary Shabbat service

Bar Mitzvah of Max Paull, son of Debby & Nat Paull

9:30 am | Havurah service

The Havurah is an informal, lay-led Shabbat morning service held in the Rothschild Library. People of all ages and skill levels attend and take turns leading and reading parts of the service.

4:30 pm | Minha/Ma'ariv

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 21 Heshvan

5:00 pm | YFE Kabbalat Shabbat service with Birthday Blessings (see p. 16)

6:15 pm | Friday Evening Services

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 22 Heshvan

Parashat Hayyei Sarah

9:15 am | Sanctuary Shabbat service

Bar Mitzvah of Scott Reid Semaya, son of Lesa & Robert Semaya
Aufruf of Joseph Kekst and Dana Winik

11:15 am | YFE Shabbat services (see p. 16)

4:30 pm | Minha/Ma'ariv

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 28 Heshvan

6:15 pm | Friday evening service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 29 Heshvan

Parashat Tol'dot

9:15 am | Sanctuary Shabbat service

Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Schreiber, son of Lori & Brian Schreiber

4:30 pm | Minha/Ma'ariv



Daily minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am. Minha/Ma'ariv Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Minha on Friday before Kabbalat Shabbat. Any changes are noted when they occur.

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I. Rein will preach and conduct services together with Cantor Azi Schwartz, Cantor Shiree Kidron, and the Synagogue Choir; with Neil Robinson at the organ.

11/05

Guest Sermon – Shabbat Morning



Speaker: Dr. Moshe Halbertal

Shabbat Lekh L'kha | Saturday, November 5

Dr. Halbertal will also speak at the congregational Shabbat dinner on Friday evening, November 4. For more information on the dinner and about Dr. Halbertal, see page 12.



JASON NATHANIEL BAB

November 5, 2011 | Parashat Lekh L'kha

Jason celebrated his pidyon ha-ben at PAS and has attended PAS Congregational School since kindergarten. He is now a 7th grader at the Buckley School, where his

favorite subjects are math, English, Latin and art. Jason is an accomplished violinist and an avid reader. He loves to paint and build models. A member of the varsity football team at school, Jason also enjoys tennis, downhill skiing, sailing, horseback riding and paintball. Jason is helping to raise funds to support cancer research.

Very close to his family, Jason loves family vacations and is especially looking forward to travelling to Israel this spring to celebrate his Bar Mitzvah. The eldest of four siblings, Jason is a wonderful brother to his two sisters, Rebecca and Maya, and his new brother, Maier. Thoughtful, mature, resilient, passionate, creative, loyal, caring and often exuberant, Jason has been a great inspiration to his family.

Jason and his family would like to thank PAS and all the clergy, with special thanks to Ronit Aranoff for helping him prepare to become a Bar Mitzvah.



MAX PAULL

November 12 | Parashat Va-yera

Max is a lifelong member of Park Avenue Synagogue. He had his bris here and attended the ECC. A 7th grader at The Heschel School, he enjoys his Jewish

studies along with math and science. Max is an avid reader who loves spy novels.

Max is thoughtful, generous, determined and very compassionate. He has a great sense of humor. Max is a caring older brother to Ellis. He loves family vacations, especially fishing in Nantucket and skiing. Max has tutored a first grader in reading through a partnership between The Heschel School and PS 75. In honor of his Bar Mitzvah, he will make a donation to KidsofNYU, in appreciation to the medical staff who treated him for a bone cyst when he was 6-10 years old. Despite being sidelined by two surgeries, Max earned a Black Belt in tae-kwon-do and plays ice hockey. He enjoys spending summers at Camp Echo Lake, where he has formed many wonderful friendships.

Max and his parents extend their deepest thanks to the rabbis and cantors for their guidance during Max's preparation to become a Bar Mitzvah.



SCOTT REID SEMAYA

November 19 | Parashat Hayyei Sarah

Scott began his education in the Orange Room of the ECC and continued his Jewish education at the Congregational School.

Now in 8th grade at NEST+M, Scott continues to work hard and excel both academically and in athletics. An enthusiastic and accomplished basketball player, Scott made the NEST Varsity team as a 6th grader. He has been their star point guard ever since and was selected to the Manhattan North All Star team two years in a row. Scott also loves to participate in other sports, particularly baseball, golf, swimming and boating. Summer finds Scott enjoying himself at Camp Winadu and spending time with his brother Jason, sister Erica, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends.

Scott loves to travel, explore new places, spend time with friends, cook, and listen to music. Most of all, he is an avid sports fan and attends as many games as he can.

Scott and his family would like to thank Rabbi Cosgrove, Rabbi Rein, the cantors and the rest of the Park Avenue Synagogue family for helping him prepare to become a Bar Mitzvah.



ZACHARY ISAAC SCHREIBER

November 26 | Parashat Tol'dot

Zach has attended Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School since 2004 and has developed a deep connection to Judaism and Zionism. The oldest of four siblings,

he is in 7th grade at Riverdale Country School, where he enjoys the academic rigors and plays clarinet in the band.

Zach spends his summers at Raquette Lake Boys Camp, where he has been a camper for the past four years. He loves sports, particularly basketball, and those activities that entail traveling over water at high speeds.

Zach feels fortunate to have such a wonderful parashah, rich in symbolism and meaning. Zach and his family would like to thank his teachers, Rabbi Cosgrove, Rabbi Rein, and Cantors Schwartz and Kidron for helping him prepare to become a Bar Mitzvah, and for putting up with the poor Skype connection in the Adirondacks over the summer.



מזל טוב MAZAL TOV

➡ **ELLIN L. GINSBURG AND THOMAS P. IVANYI** – on their marriage ➡ **STEPHANIE LATER** – on having her artwork “The Big Apple” purchased by The National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC, one of the most prestigious collections of book art in the U.S. The work will be on exhibit there through November and December. ➡ **CAROL SCHAPIRO KEKST** – on being elected to the Board of Trustees of The Jewish Museum. ➡ **ROCHELLE & DAVID LUDWIG** on the birth of a son, Miles Cooper Ludwig, and to the big brother and sister, Zachary and Chloe. ➡ **MENACHEM Z. ROSENSAFT** – on receiving the Distinguished Humanitarian Award from the Jewish Faculty & Staff Association of CUNY's New York City College of Technology ➡ **RIMA CHERNOV** – on becoming an American citizen. ➡ **STACY & RICHARD WESTREICH** – on the birth of a son, Austin Henry Westreich, and to the big sister, Ava.

ברוכים הבאים WELCOME

Emilio & Reina Bassini | Jeffrey Eisenhart & Susan Berman-Eisenhart | Herbert & Gloria Glatt | Daniel & Dominique Goldstein | Iris Goodgold | Russell Graham | Andrew & Rebecca Gruber | Laurence & Stephanie Guberman | Jonathan & Jessica Harooni | David & Meredith Kamo | H. Jeffrey Katz & Ginny Kleinstein Katz | Leor & Bess Landa | Ian & Raquel Lentnek | Ebrahim Moussazadeh & Devorah Nazarian-Moussazadeh | Stephanie Panes | Robert & Shari Schweitzer | Jeffrey & Heidi Siegel | Philip & Gloria Talkow | Alan Ulan & Bonnie Nitzberg Ulan | Oliver & Sara Wiener

המקום ינחם CONDOLENCES

Jonathan & Barbara Arfa on the loss of his mother, Gertrude Arfa / Friends and family of Benjamin Mendelsohn / Susan and Isaac Lemor on the loss of her father, Herman Tauber / Paul and Joyce Levine on the loss of his mother, Goldie Levine / Gloria Levine and Carolyn Coplan on the loss of their husband and father, Harvey Levine / Lynn Robinson on the loss of her husband, A. Stanley Robinson / Sheldon Werdiger & Miki Kagan on the loss of his mother, Ilona Werdiger / Larry and Amy Zakarin on the loss of his father, Melvin Victor Zakarin

College Connections



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BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL
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The experience lasts ten days The memories last a lifetime

Park Avenue Synagogue is proud to sponsor a Taglit-Birthright Trip to Israel in the Spring/Summer of 2012. This is an exceptional opportunity to help our young adults take hold of their birthright and have the experience of a lifetime. This extraordinary trip will connect them to the Land of Israel, connect them to one another, and connect them to the Park Avenue Synagogue community. If you have children who are eligible for this trip and who would like to be informed of the opening of registration in February, please email us their names at Birthright@pasyn.org.

Keep Our College Students Connected to PAS!

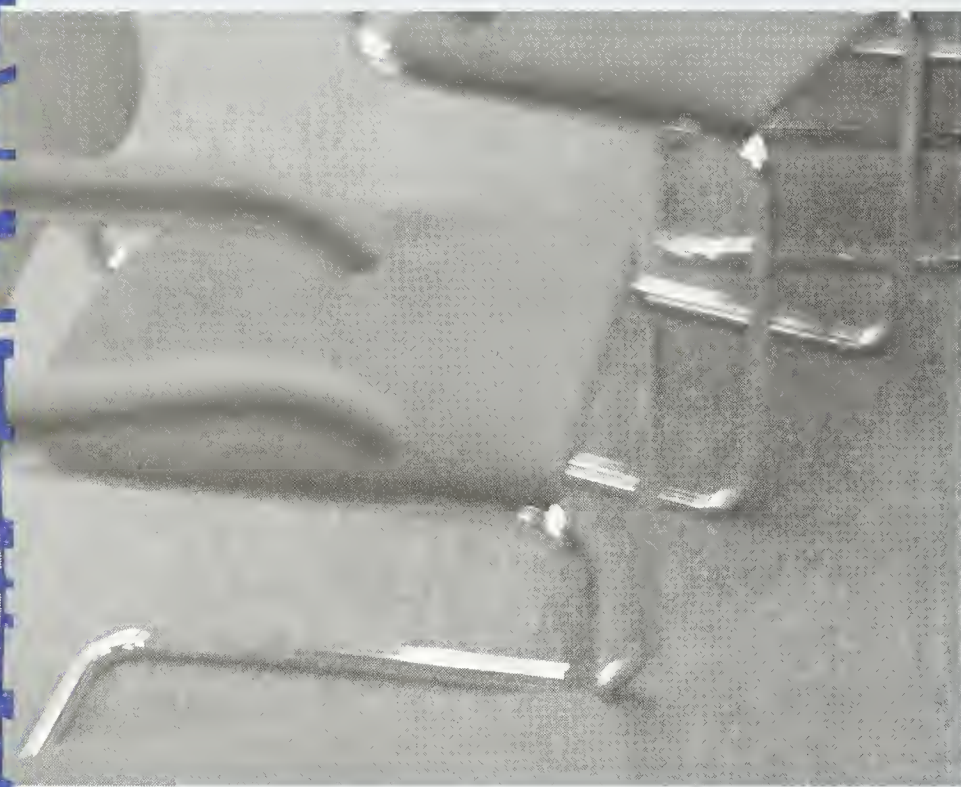
Park Avenue Synagogue wants our college students to stay connected to the synagogue and to Judaism while they're away from home. Our College Connection committee helps to bridge the gap between PAS and wherever your student is at school. Students will receive monthly email messages with synagogue news, updates, and insights from our clergy and educators. We send packages to our students for several Jewish holidays, including Hanukkah, Purim, and Pesah. Our clergy and educators will lead high school trips to major colleges and universities in the Northeast and will visit our students on campus.

Make sure the student in your family is included! Fill out the online contact form at <https://mcheck.wufoo.com/forms/pas-college-connection/> and we'll take care of the rest.

Questions? Contact Jason Oppenheimer at joppenheimer@pasyn.org.

ADULT EDUCATION & EVENTS

FOR ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CLASSES AND EVENTS LISTED HERE AS WELL AS FEES, IF ANY, AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REGISTER OR RSVP, PLEASE LOOK AT THE FALL PROGRAM CALENDAR OR ON WWW.PASYN.ORG UNDER ADULT EDUCATION.



Weekly Classes

MONDAY

Hebrew 102 | 6:15 – 7:15 pm | Dina Mann

Hebrew 103 | 6:15 – 7:15 pm | Vivian Nissan

Hebrew 104 | 7:30 – 8:30 pm | Varda Hubara

TUESDAY

Essential Essays

8:00 am, after morning minyan | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Contemporary Jewish Thought

11:30 am | Rabbi Steven Rein

Hebrew 101 | 6:15 – 7:05 pm | Dina Mann

Introduction to Judaism

6:15 – 8:15 pm

WEDNESDAY *(no classes on November 23)*

Midtown Lunch & Learn: Maimonides: Leadership in Times of Crisis

Wednesdays | November 2, 9, 16, 30 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

These sessions will address the Rambam's inspired leadership in the face of serious challenges to the integrity of the Jewish community and to personal belief.

Cost: \$50 for the 4-sessions and a kosher lunch at each session.

Register online at www.pasyn.org under Calendar/November 2. Those without internet access call 212-369-2600, x121.

Florence Melton Adult Mini-School

6:45 – 9:00 pm

Context

Wednesdays | 6:45 – 9:30 pm

Melton Graduate Program: Jewish Denominations

8:00 – 9:15 pm | Rabbi Zalman Rothschild



THURSDAY *(no classes or rehearsals on November 24)*

Florence Melton Adult Mini-School

9:15 – 11:30 am

Melton Graduate Program: Jewish Denominations

10:30 – 11:45 am | Rabbi Zalman Rothschild

Library Lunch & Learn | 12:00 pm | Senior Staff

PAS Congregational Singers

7:00 – 8:15 pm | Cantor Azi Schwartz

FRIDAY *(no class November 25)*

Talmud Torah: Capital Punishment in the Talmud

8:00 am, after morning minyan | Rabbi Steven Rein

SATURDAY

Parashat HaShavua | 8:45 am

Biweekly

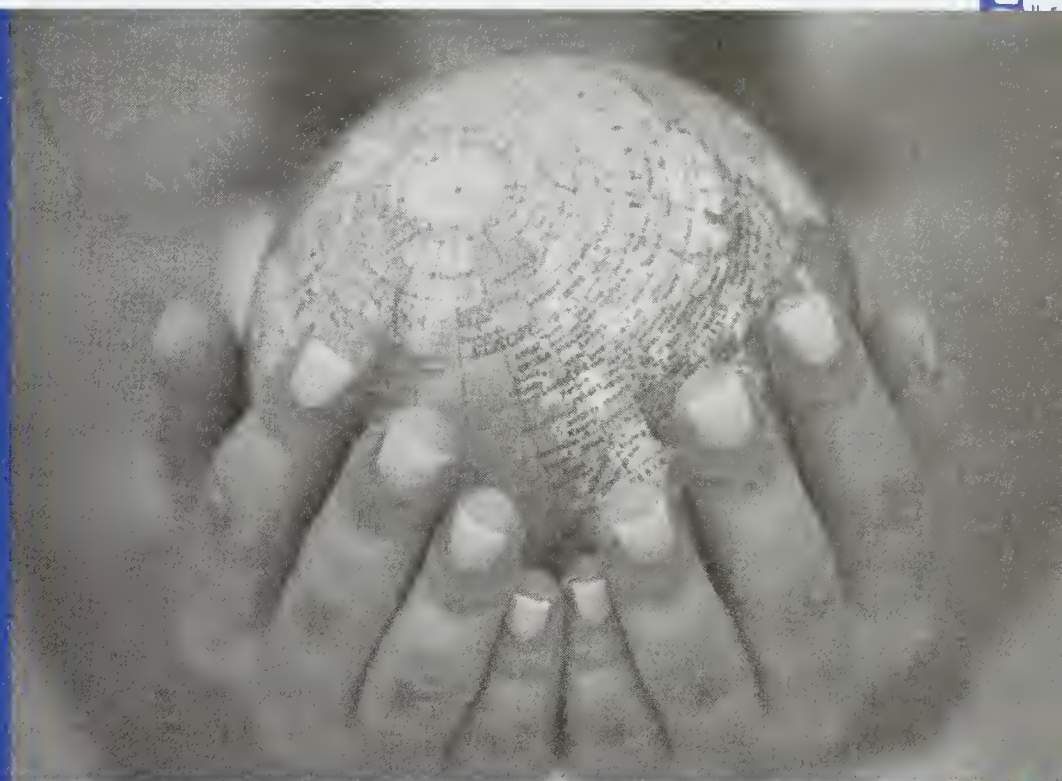
Jewish Peoplehood: Challenges and Opportunities

Tuesdays | November 1, 15, 29; December 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Jewish peoplehood is a topic dominating today's Jewish agenda. Learn where the idea of peoplehood comes from, why it is currently in the headlines and how we can engender a sense of global Jewish collectivity for the next generation.

Register online at www.pasyn.org under Adult Education. Those without internet access call 212-369-2600, x121.



Monthly/Bimonthly

Sponsored by UJA@PAS

Caregiver Support Group and Text Study

Thursday | November 3 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Inspired text study with Rabbi Rein and caregiver support discussion led by UJA Partners in Caring social worker, Katie Weinberger, LMSW. Open to PAS members who serve as caregivers for family members and to anyone who is a caregiver for a PAS member.

For more information, contact Katie Weinberger at 212-769-2850 or kweinberger@dorotusa.org.

Women in the Bible

Fridays | November 4, December 2 | 9:15 – 10:00 am

Debbie Cosgrove

Through engaging texts, we will study the lives of the familiar and not-so-familiar women who populate the biblical narrative.

Register online at www.pasyn.org under Adult Education. Those without internet access call 212-369-2600, x121.

Sponsored by Young Couples Group

Home Study Evening with Debbie Cosgrove

Wednesday | November 9 | 7:00 pm

Join us for discussion and learning in the intimate setting of a home – the perfect opportunity to explore timely events in our daily lives. Space is limited.

Please RSVP to pasycg@gmail.com.

Open only to members of Men's Club

Torah on Tap

Thursday | November 10 | 7:30 pm

Think and drink as Rabbi Rein leads an informal discussion of Torah over beer and fine spirits.

RSVP to Jason Dolinsky at jdolinsky@nyc.rr.com.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Sholem Aleichem Yiddish Club

Tuesday | November 15 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Whether your Yiddish is fluent or rudimentary, please join us to explore Yiddish culture and enjoy Yiddish conversation.

For more information, call Florence Solomon at 212-369-3856.

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Monthly/Bimonthly continued

Sponsored by Sisterhood, Architectural Tour, Part I

Tour of Central Synagogue

Wednesday | November 16 | 12:45 pm

This extraordinary Moorish Revival style building was built in 1872. Designed by Henry Fernbach, it is modeled after the Dohany Street Synagogue in Budapest. Meet the Sisterhood group inside Central Synagogue, Lexington Avenue at 55th Street, at 12:30 pm. All are welcome; no charge.

RSVP to Helene Agress at 212-362-1233 by November 10.

Caffeine for the Soul: Morning Torah Study

Fridays | November 18, December 16 | 9:15 – 10:00 am

Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Whether you've already taken kids to school or been to the gym, or this is your first stop of the day, join Rabbi Cosgrove for a cup of coffee, Jewish texts and a substantive learning experience with other members of the PAS community.

Register online at www.pasyn.org under Adult Education; click on Classes. Those without internet access call 212-369-2600, x121

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Lunch/Film/Discussion: The Jewish Americans, Part 1

Tuesday | November 22 | 1:00 pm

Beginning with the arrival of a small number of Sephardic Jews in 1654, this documentary carries the Jewish American story up to 1900, as Ashkenazic Jews from Central and Eastern Europe reshape the American Jewish community. The film addresses the difficult issue of maintaining Jewish identity while participating actively in American society. (Part 2 will be shown in January.)

Sponsored by WEG

Moonbeams

Monday | November 28 | 7:30 pm | in honor of Rosh Hodesh Kislev

For location and readings, contact Joann Rosoff at joannrosoff@aol.com.

Sponsored by Sisterhood, Architectural Tour, Part II

Tour of Park East Synagogue

Thursday | December 1 | 1:00 pm

Founded in 1888 by Jews from Southern Germany, Park East Synagogue built this striking Moorish Revival style building in 1890. Meet the Sisterhood group inside Park East Synagogue, 67th Street near Lexington Avenue, at 12:45. All are welcome; no charge.

RSVP to Helen Agress at 212-362-1233 by November 23.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Backstage Tour of the Metropolitan Opera

Sunday | December 4 | 1:30 pm

This tour will visit the production areas of the Met not usually seen by the general public and will provide an understanding of how the opera company works. Meet the Sisterhood group in the lobby of the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center at 1:00 pm. All are welcome. Cost: \$16/person. Space is limited.

RSVP to Helene Agress at 212-362-1233 by November 21.

Library hours

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 12:00 – 6:30 pm; Friday, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Librarian Marga Hirsch is generally in The Edmond de Rothschild Library at other times as well – feel free to stop by with questions or for book recommendations! The room is always open, with instructions on the desk for how to check out books in Marga's absence.





PAS Gallery

Cinema Judaica: The War Years

August – November

Film posters from 1936 to 1948, accompanied by in-depth text panels, present a little-known story: the American film industry's complicated history of placating Nazi Germany and the US government's film censorship to maintain neutrality up until the time that war was declared. The materials displayed are generously loaned by collector Ken Sutak.

One-Time Events



Sponsored by JTS@PAS

Home Study Evening with Professor Burt Visotzky

Thursday | November 10 | 7:30 pm

Join PAS members committed to supporting the special and synergistic relationship between PAS and JTS for an intimate evening of study. We will meet in a congregant's home to learn with Dr. Burton Visotzky, author of *Sage Tales: Wisdom and Wonder from the Rabbis of the Talmud*. Space is limited.

Please RSVP to Bonnie Biondi at: bobiondi@jtsa.edu or 212-678-8056.

PROFESSOR BURTON VISOTZKY is the Appleman Professor of Midrash and Interreligious Studies at JTS. He is also the director of the Louis Finkelstein Institute for Religious and Social Studies of JTS, charged with developing programs on both public policy and interreligious dialogue. Dr. Visotzky has taught at Union and Princeton theological seminaries, Hebrew Union College, Princeton University, the Russian State University of the Humanities in Moscow. In addition, he served as the Master Visiting Professor of Jewish Studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Rabbi Visotzky has written more than 100 articles and reviews. His novel, *A Delightful Compendium of Consolation*, set in eleventh-century North Africa, was published in 2008. His recently published tenth book, *Sage Tales* is about the stories of the Rabbis. Dr. Visotzky serves on the boards or advisory councils of several academic institutions and political and philanthropic organizations. Internationally, Rabbi Visotzky is engaged in Jewish-Christian-Muslim dialogue in cities ranging from Washington DC to Warsaw; Rome; Cairo; Doha and Madrid.

PAS Women's Seder: Call for Committee Members

PAS will hold a Women's Seder before Passover next spring. A committee to plan this new event is currently forming. If you are interested in volunteering for the committee, please contact Liz Offenbach at loffenbach@pasyn.org or 212.369.2600, x142.



ADULT EDUCATION & EVENTS

FOR ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CLASSES AND EVENTS LISTED HERE AS WELL AS FEES, IF ANY, AND INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REGISTER OR RSVP, PLEASE LOOK AT THE FALL PROGRAM CALENDAR OR ON WWW.PASYN.ORG UNDER ADULT EDUCATION.



Moshe Halbertal



Judith Shulevitz

Shabbat Dinner Series

The Shabbat Dinner Series provides congregants with an opportunity to join together in prayer, share a meal as a community and learn from noted scholars and rabbis on topics of social, intellectual and spiritual interest. The Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 6:15 pm, followed by dinner at approximately 7:30 pm.

RSVP by the Monday before the dinner Register online at www.pasyn.org under Adult Education; click Shabbat Dinner Series on the left side of the page. Those without internet access may call 212-369-2600, x121. Space is limited. Cost: \$35/members; \$45/general.

Moshe Halbertal

Friday | November 4

"On the Threshold of Forgiveness: Law and Narrative in the Talmud"

MOSHE HALBERTAL is the Gruss Professor at NYU Law School and a Professor of Jewish Thought and Philosophy at the Hebrew University. For more information, see the Fall Program Calendar, p. 8, or visit www.pasyn.org.

Judith Shulevitz

Friday | December 2

"What the Sabbath Does, and Why It Works"

JUDITH SHULEVITZ is a cultural critic and award-winning magazine editor. Her book, *The Sabbath World: Glimpses of a Different Order of Time* (Random House) came out in paperback this year. The New Yorker called it "a swift, penetrating book intent on shattering the habits of mindless workaholism and the inability to recognize the blessings of rest, reflection, spirit, and family." For more information, see the Fall Program Calendar, p. 8, or visit www.pasyn.org. \$7/seniors; \$12/nonseniors.

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Sponsored by the Tikkun Olam Committee

Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day 2011

Sunday | November 20 | 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

The Mitzvah Day team is busy preparing for our most exciting Mitzvah Day yet. We need *your* help to make this day a success! Here are just some of the ways you and your family can help make Mitzvah Day 2011 extraordinary.

For updates including schedule, visit www.pasyn.org; click on Tikkun Olam.

Act!

- Assemble medical kits for Haitians
- Fill “Helping Hats” with winter treats for Food Pantry clients
- Make gift bags for seniors
- Package medicines for the Cuban community
- Make kits for Jewish soldiers serving in the US Armed Forces
- Give blood and register for organ and bone marrow donation
- Enjoy special mitzvah activities for children on the 5th Floor

Learn!

- Watch the Oscar-winning Israeli film, *Strangers No More* and meet the director
- Sign up for Mitzvah of the Month volunteering opportunities
- Find out how students can meet community service requirements
- Meet Jewish leaders at the forefront of social justice and learn about their work

Donate!

- Bring coins to fill our community tzedekah box – it will be in the Lobby
- Donate Spanish language children's books and DVDs for our Cuba mission
- Volunteer your time to help make Mitzvah Day a huge success. Email Joanna Silver (joannasilver@verizon.net) or Leith Greenslade (leithgreenslade@earthlink.net)

Don't Miss!

- Remarks by Rabbi Cosgrove
- Musical entertainment by Cantors Schwartz and Kidron
- Synagogue tours by Beryl Chernov
- Healthy treats all day at the Mitzvah Day Café

AGENCIES BENEFITING FROM OUR WORK WILL INCLUDE:

Midnight Run, AFYA, Coalition for the Homeless, Yorkville Common Pantry, Women in Need, Project Ezra, Park Avenue Synagogue Food Pantry, and UJA-Federation of New York Beneficiary Agencies:

DOROT, Jewish Home Lifecare, Selfhelp Community Services, Henry Ittleson Center, Joint Distribution Committee.

Organ Donation

MY SECRETARY, APRIL, CALLED TO SAY A LAST GOODBYE. Having suffered with cystic fibrosis since childhood, she was now near death at age 30. She had been waiting for years for a double lung transplant, with none available to her. Concurrently, a teen in the Midwest died in an accident. His parents donated his organs, and his lungs – a perfect match for April – were flown to New York. April is now back dancing, writing poetry and living.

I had not yet signed on to be an organ donor. Like many Jews, I felt bound by the historic restrictions on autopsy. I started researching the Jewish position and found that all major streams now wisely approve and advocate OD. *Pikuah nefesh*, saving a life, overrides all other religious considerations. I also learned

that the rate of OD in Israel is at only 8% while in other nations it is at 40%. Jews have always led the world in “doing good,” so how can we stand by when the simple act of signing a form could save lives?

With the support of our rabbis and the Tikkun Olam committee, in order to encourage organ donation among PAS membership, we are bringing OD education and sign up opportunities to Mitzvah Day on Sunday, November 20. Please take the opportunity to speak with our guest, Rabbi Rafael Goldstein, head chaplain at Mt. Sinai Hospital, and with the knowledgeable PAS physicians who will be there. We look forward to seeing you and encourage you to sign on so that our numbers reflect our values.

A message from Joan Lefkowitz

Congregational School Program Schedule

Saturday, November 5 | 9:15 am – 12:00 pm | Gimel-Dalet-Hey Family Shabbat Experience (students & their parents)

Friday, November 11 | 5:15 – 7:30 | Gan-Alef-Bet Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner

Saturday, November 12 | Gimel-Dalet-Hey Shabbat Experience

Wednesday, November 16 | 5:15 – 6:45 pm | Vav Family B'nei Mitzvah Experience

Saturday, November 19 | NO SCHOOL

Sunday, November 20 | Mitzvah Day

Wednesday, November 23 – Saturday, November 26 | NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving weekend



Our Website

Visit our updated website at <http://pasyn.org/lifelong-learning/congregational-school> to learn about the new structure of the school and to meet the fulltime staff. We are most excited about our new Holidays @ Home page, which complements what is happening in classrooms with activities for families. Visit the site regularly for new ideas to enrich Shabbat and holidays.

Our Newsletter

Every month, we send an e-newsletter to families in each of our three divisions reporting on the amazing things that are happening in each classroom. The highlight of last month's newsletters was our new Shabbat Experience. For learners in Gimel – Hey (Grades 3-5), our community Shabbat Experience is the core of our curriculum and each weekday class is focused on preparing for this experience.

Our Shabbat Experiences

Our first Shabbat Experiences have been filled with *ruah* (spirit), community building and learning. Our first Shabbat opened on the synagogue roof with greetings from Rabbi Cosgrove followed by community-building activities. Next came a very musical Shabbat service, learning time by class and a Kiddush lunch on the roof with everyone together again. We look forward to sharing more Shabbatot together!

Our Class Time

During class time, we learned the importance of working together as a group and how everyone has something unique and essential to contribute. In Gimel, we learned about how each individual adds to the collective. To illustrate this, we did an activity using flour, water, and cookies. In Dalet and Hey, each learner was given a part of the story of the *Akedah*, the binding of Isaac, which is the Torah reading for the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Learners had to work together as a group to put the pieces of the story in order. It was a difficult activity, but they managed to complete it, realizing that separately, the sentences (or the cookie ingredients) made no sense, but when they put all of their pieces together, they had a full story (or cookie). We are extremely excited to move forward and keep innovating.



Tavim Youth Choir | Mondays | 5:00 – 5:40 pm

Tavim, the Park Avenue Synagogue Youth Choir, is open to anyone from grade 3 and up. The group learns music for Shabbat, holidays and just for fun. Tavim performs at services and celebrations during the year and also visits senior centers to entertain and sing with the residents.

For more information, please contact Gil Smuskowitz at gsmuskowitz@pasyn.org.

Have something to celebrate? An anniversary, a publication, recovery from an injury, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast kiddush any weekday after the morning minyan.

For more information, contact Sam Rosenberg at 212-369-2600, x105 or srosenberg@pasyn.org.

PJ Library

MATT CHECK, DIRECTOR OF YOUNG FAMILY EDUCATION



IN SEPTEMBER, just before Rosh Hashanah, we welcomed PJ Library to the PAS community. PJ Library is a North American program that sends Jewish books and music to families with children between the ages of 6 months and 8 years. Thanks to the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, which created the program, and to generous support from Jennifer and Andrew Hoine, participation in PJ Library is free to PAS families. Sign

up, and the books arrive in the mail every month. If you are a family with children in this age range, I encourage you to take advantage of this remarkable program. A growing library of Jewish books and music is one of the best ways to create Jewish memories with your children. To sign up, go to www.pasyn.org; click on Young Family Education to find the link to the PAS registration form on the PJ Library website. After signing up, explore the resources on the PJ Library website (www.pjlibrary.org). Their tips enhance the experience of reading with your children.

Introducing our Shabbat Morning Leaders

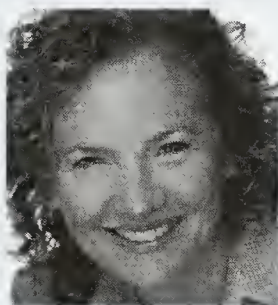
THREE DYNAMIC SONG LEADERS LEAD OUR SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAMS. HAVE YOU MET THEM?



Shorashim with
Erica Lustig

Erica hails from Miami, Florida. As an active member of the NFTY-SER youth group, Erica grew up with a

fondness for the Jewish music that she's excited to be playing at Park Avenue Synagogue now. A graduate of Syracuse University, Erica holds a BFA in musical theatre and works as a singer/actress at different venues in NYC and around the United States.



Tot Shabbat with
Jody Prusan

Jody is celebrating over ten years of service at PAS. She has worked with HaMishpachah

Sheli and family education programs as well as teaching in the Congregational School. Her experience in theater, music, and education enable her to engage with people aged nine months to 99 years! Recently Jody shared her joy in Jewish life and commitment to doing mitzvot with 99-year-old congregant Harry Kreiger. Jody volunteers with the Bikur Cholim Committee and has sung with our PAS children at the Jewish Home and neighboring shelter.



Nitzanim with
Hadar

Orshalimy
Hadar is from Tel Aviv Israel. After finishing her service in the Israeli Defense

Forces, she studied music at the Rimon School of Music in Ramat HaSharon. She then came to the United States and earned a degree in songwriting, performance and music business from the Berklee School of Music in Boston. In addition to leading Nitzanim, Hadar works with children in the ECC and the Congregational School, and she is the leader of the acclaimed Rabbi Judah Nadich High School Rock Band. A singer-songwriter outside the realm of her musical responsibilities at PAS, Hadar has worked with such artists as Josh Nelson, the Shalom Orchestra and Sheldon Low.

YFE **Shabbat Programs**

Shabbat Morning

Saturday | November 5 and 19 | 11:15 am – 12:00 pm

All of the services for families with young children include Shabbat songs, dancing, a short story, and other activities; all end with Kiddush and a light snack. Children are expected to attend these services with an adult.

TOT SHABBAT – For families with children ages 0 – 3 | Room 508

SHORASHIM – For families with children ages 3 – 4 (pre-K) | Room 308

NITZANIM – For families with children ages 5 – 7 | Room 408

Havdalah for Families with Young Children

Saturday | November 12 | 5:00 pm

Havdalah (Hebrew for “distinction”) is the service that separates Shabbat from the rest of the week. Led by members of the clergy, we end Shabbat with a crafts project or other activity, adult study, a short service and a snack.

Shabbat Service and Dinner for Families with Young Children — Birthday Blessings, Too!

Friday | November 18 | Service 5:00 pm | Dinner approx. 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Families with children ages zero to six are invited to join our clergy for a family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed immediately by a child-friendly buffet dinner and short program. Each month, children with birthdays that month will receive a birthday blessing and a small gift. Space is limited. Cost: \$35/members, \$45/non-members, \$15/children.

To reserve for all events, go to www.pasyn.org and click on Young Family Education. Under Upcoming Events, click on the link for the registration form. Dinner cancellations with refund (or credit towards another dinner) are possible up to the Wednesday before the event.

Sponsored by the Rothschild Library

Kids' Shabbat Book Basket

On Shabbat, look for the book basket near the ushers in the Sanctuary. There are Jewish books for children of all ages to look at while sitting quietly in their seats in the synagogue. Let your children enjoy the books during services and return them so that others may read them next week.



Know someone ill, elderly or homebound? The PAS Bikur Cholim Caring Committee —*in loving memory of Dr. Albert & Phyllis L. Cornell*— fulfills the mitzvah of visting the ill by reaching out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee's trained volunteers are committed to providing confidential hands-on support and companionship to the members of our congregation.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Cosgrove's office at 212-369-2600, x120.

PAS Food Pantry

Wednesdays | 3:00 – 5:00 pm | Food package preparation

Fridays | 3:30 pm – beginning of Shabbat | Food distribution

Founded, run and coordinated entirely by students, this is the largest such food pantry in the entire country.

Parent and Teen Shabbat Study Session with Rabbi Cosgrove

Saturday | November 5 | 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Make Shabbat afternoon a special time. Join the rabbi for Torah discussion and tasty snacks.

The Bronx Zoo Scavenger Hunt

Sunday | November 6 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm | Grades 3 – 5

Visit the zoo just one week after we read the story of Noah's Ark in the weekly Torah portion. Rescheduled from September, this zoo visit will have a uniquely Jewish perspective. Team up with your pals to compete in an intense scavenger hunt with tricky clues and awesome prizes. This event is one you definitely don't want to miss.

Dinner & Discussion with Champion Boxer Yuri Foreman

Wednesday | Nov. 9 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Grades 8 – 12

A Russian-Israeli Jew, Yuri Foreman immigrated to Brooklyn to train as a boxer. On the way to becoming the super-welterweight champion of the world, he found a deep connection to his Jewish heritage. He is now studying to become a rabbi at the same time as he continues his training as a boxer. Bring your friends, bring your parents. Everyone will want to hear this!

Brunch and Games with Project Ezra

Sunday | Nov. 13 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm | Grades 7 – 12

Join a small group of Project Ezra participants for brunch. We'll nosh on some goodies, play games and have a chance to meet some of the wonderful people who will be participating in future events like our annual Hanukkah luncheon. There's space for only eight to 10 people for this activity, so RSVP soon!

Food Pantry

Thanksgiving Event Packaging

Sunday | November 20 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm | Grades 5 – 12 and

parents

A favorite Mitzvah Day activity every year is helping our student volunteers prepare for our massive Thanksgiving Food Pantry distribution. For the past few years, we have given out more than 500 turkeys and more than 800 bags of Thanksgiving food to local families who need help around the holidays. It takes a tremendous effort to get the food ready, so everyone is welcome to join in and share in this proud tradition.

Food Pantry

Thanksgiving Package Distribution

Wednesday | November 23 | 1:00 – 5:00 pm | Grades 6 – 12 and Food Pantry alumni

This is the Food Pantry's biggest day of the year and we need a lot of helping hands to make it a success. If you get out of school early or you're home for the holiday break, come be part of this wonderful mitzvah.

UJA @ PAS

Weekly Social Work Support for Seniors and their Caregivers

If you are looking for companionship, shopping assistance, an escort to a medical appointment, a volunteer opportunity or caregiver support for yourself or a family member, please contact DOROT social worker Katie Weinberger, LMSW, who holds office hours at PAS on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Made possible by a UJA Partners in Caring grant.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact Katie at 212-769-2850 or kweinberger@dorotusa.org, or Rabbi Rein at srein@pasyn.org or at 212-369-2600, x124.

Employment and Career Counseling, Financial Consultation, Debt Counseling, Budget Assistance, Legal Services and Personal Counseling

These services are available to individuals in the Jewish community (confidentially and at no charge) through UJA-Federation's Connect-to-Care initiative.

To reach a Connect-to-Care counselor, please call 212-399-2685, x206.

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Bible Fund

Friends of Gary Israel, *in honor of* Gary Israel on his 70th birthday.
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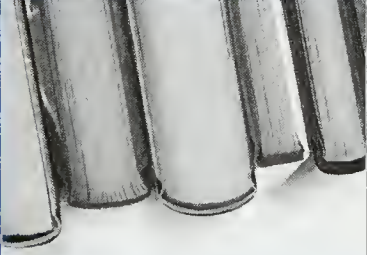
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Marlene Zausner
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Yiddish Fest

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 8 | 7:00 PM

Project Ezra Hanukkah Luncheon

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 11 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Family Hanukkah Celebration

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